

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert Don Strong

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: ASSIGNING MEANINGS TO UTTERANCES  
IN A SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in this application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, line 3 of the specification:

--This application is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/977,520, filed October 12, 2001, which is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 07/999,016, filed December 31, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 6,311,157 --

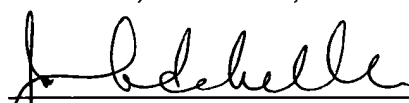
REMARKS

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN

Date: 2/18, 2004

  
James C. Scheller, Jr.  
Reg. No. 31,195

12400 Wilshire Boulevard  
Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90025-1026  
(408) 720-8300

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 409 360 568 US

Date of Deposit: February 18, 2004

I hereby state that I am causing this paper or fee to be deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on the date indicated above and that this paper or fee has been addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Connie Thayer

(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

Connie Thayer  
(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

2-18-04  
(Date signed)